

verification system as they relate to a nuclear agreement with Iran. **Page S2545**

Cotton Amendment No. 1197 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1140), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2549**

Cotton (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1198 (to Amendment No. 1197), to require a certification that Iran's leaders have publically accepted Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. **Page S2549**

#### **Veto Messages:**

**National Labor Relations Board Veto Message—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures. **Pages S2549–59**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the veto message to accompany the joint resolution. **Page S2590**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to the United States Congress supporting the underlying objectives of the recommendations from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (the "Commission"); which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–15)

**Pages S2564–65**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

22 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
20 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2589–90, S2592**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia Nelson Limerick, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Julie Helene Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Steven M. Wellner, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of

the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Robert A. Salerno, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Todd Sunhwae Kim, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S2565**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2563–64**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2583–87**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2590.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Douglas Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Gary Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Jon Lorsch, Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and Tom Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Peter Levine, of Maryland, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, and 361 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Commander, U.S. European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Department of Defense.

**INSURANCE CAPITAL RULES AND FSOC PROCESS**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine insurance capital rules and Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) process, including S. 798, to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Falzon, Prudential Financial, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers and the American Insurance Association; Kurt Bock, COUNTRY Financial, Bloomington, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; and Daniel Schwarcz, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 703, to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 858, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities, S. 523, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools, S. 600, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency retrofit pilot program, S. 723, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, S. 869, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 878, to establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan

pilot program, S. 886, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program, S. 888, to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, S. 893, to establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030, S. 939, to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs within the Department of Energy, S. 1029, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed, S. 1038, to clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program, S. 1039, to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans to achieve energy cost savings, S. 1044, to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage, S. 1046, to accelerate the adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies, S. 1047, to require the Secretary of Energy to review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for the potential to cause an adverse effect on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards, S. 1048, to remove the authority of the Secretary of Energy to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans, S. 1052, to require a study on the impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings, to provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and units of local government, S. 1053, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure, and S. 1063, to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Gene Therriault, Alaska Energy Authority, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials; Tony Crasi, The Crasi Company, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; and Ted Gayer, Brookings Institution, and Steven

Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, both of Washington, D.C.

### HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's final rule on hydraulic fracturing, after receiving testimony from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mark Watson, Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper; Bruce Baizel, Earthworks, Durango, Colorado; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 72 public bills, H.R. 2123–2194; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 236–242 were introduced. **Pages H2766–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2772–73**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:  
H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014 (H. Rept. 114–99); **Page H2766**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carter (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2659**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Heck (WA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Financial Services from the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1031, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 1).

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2668**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Michael Siegel, Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, Illinois. **Page H2668**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 175 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 182. **Pages H2684–85**

**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional**

**sional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol. **Page H2685**

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016:** The House continued consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 1. **Pages H2685–94, H2710–27, H2742–64**

Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Departmental Administration account; **Pages H2692–94**

Fortenberry amendment that increases, by offset, funding for Defense Nuclear Non-Proliferation by \$13,802,000; **Pages H2712–14**

Langevin amendment that increases the funding for the Naval Reactor account by \$2,426,000 and reduces funding for the Federal Salaries and Expenses by \$2,500,000; **Pages H2715–19**

McKinley amendment that prohibits the use of the funds to transform the National Energy Technology Laboratory into a government-owned, contractor-operated laboratory, or to consolidate or close the National Energy Technology Laboratory;

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